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Monitoring and Verification in the Islamic Republic of Iran in relation to the extension of the Joint Plan of Action

1. On 28 November 2014, the Director General received a letter dated 27 November 2014 from China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (the E3/EU+3) and the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with the extension of the Joint Plan of Action until 30 June 2015.
2. The letter is attached herewith for information.

Vienna, 27 November 2014

H.E. Mr. Yukiya AMANO
Director General
International Atomic Energy Agency

Dear Director General,

We have the honour to refer to the attached Joint Press Statement by Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohamed Javad Zarif released on 24 November 2014 in Vienna in connection with the extension of the Joint Plan of Action until 30 June 2015.

We the undersigned on behalf of the E3/EU+3 and Iran hereby request that the IAEA continue to undertake the necessary nuclear related monitoring and verification activities in Iran under the Joint Plan of Action, including monitoring of fuel fabrication for the TRR and defined centrifuge related activities.

In this context, we would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you and the staff of the Safeguards Department for all the work carried out so far.


Yours sincerely,



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Joint Statement

by Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif

following the talks in Vienna, 24 November 2014

Since we agreed to the Joint Plan of Action one year ago in Geneva, we, together with the Foreign Ministers and Political Directors of the E3+3 (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States), have been engaged in intensive diplomatic negotiations aimed at reaching a comprehensive solution.

We once again express our appreciation to the Austrian Government for their most generous support in hosting these negotiations in Vienna.

Based on the strong commitment by all sides to reach a mutually-agreed long-term comprehensive solution, we have held ten rounds of negotiations and numerous meetings during the past months.

Some ideas have been developed, but given the technical nature of this effort and the decisions needed, more work is required to assess and finalize them as appropriate.

We would have preferred to finalize a comprehensive solution here in Vienna. But we remain convinced that, based on the progress made and on the new ideas which continue to be explored, there is a credible path through which a comprehensive solution can be reached.

We, together with the Foreign Ministers of the E3+3, have therefore agreed to continue our diplomatic efforts. We have decided to extend the measures of the Joint Plan of Action to allow for further negotiations until June 30th.

We intend to build on the current momentum in order to complete these negotiations within the shortest possible time, up to four months, and if necessary to use the remaining time until the end of June to finalize any possible remaining technical and drafting work.

Iran and the E3/EU+3 reaffirm that they will continue to implement all their commitments described in the Joint Plan of Action in an efficient and timely manner.

The IAEA will be asked to continue monitoring the voluntary measures under the Joint Plan of Action.

The next meeting to continue our work will happen in December.